

WITH THE HELP OF **OUR GOD!**

Nehemiah 6:15-7:4

1. **GOD** will **ACCOMPLISH** what seems **IMPOSSIBLE**. (Genesis 18:14; Jeremiah 32:17,27; Matthew 19:26; Mark 9:23, 10:27; Luke 1:37; Luke 14:28-30; 1 Corinthians 15:58; 2 Corinthians 8:11; Philippians 1:6, 4:13; 2 Timothy 4:7)
2. The **POWER** of God destroys self-**CONFIDENCE**. (Psalm 2:1,4; 20:7, 118:8; Proverbs 3:5-7, 14:12, 28:26, 29:25; Jeremiah 17:5,9; Acts 5:38-39; 2 Corinthians 1:9, 12:9; Philippians 3:3)
3. Trials and challenges don't **CEASE** when victories are **CELEBRATED**. (Exodus 14; John 16:33; Acts 16:16-40; Romans 5:3-4; 2 Corinthians 4:8-9; 1 Peter 1:6-7)
4. Make worship and praise a **FIRST PRIORITY**. (Exodus 34:14; Deuteronomy 6:5; 2 Chronicles 20:21-22; Psalm 18:3, 29:2, 95:6; Matthew 6:33; Romans 12:1; Hebrews 13:15; Revelation 4:11)
5. God has not called us to be 'successful' but to be **FAITHFUL** and **GOD-FEARING**. (1 Samuel 12:24; Psalm 33:8, 34:9, 111:10; Proverbs 1:7, 3:3, 20:6; Matthew 25:21; 1 Corinthians 4:2; James 1:12; Galatians 6:9)
6. Wherever you are, at **ALL** times of the day, be **DILIGENT** to **GUARD** against the enemy. (Proverbs 4:23; Luke 21:36; Romans 12:2; 1 Corinthians 10:12, 16:13; Ephesians 4:27; Colossians 3:5; 1 Peter 5:8-9)



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1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. The enemies of Israel recognized God had been with His people and had helped them - in a big way! What impact did God's power and help for His people have on the enemies? What was the outcome of all their tactics against Nehemiah and the work?
3. Why do we often try to do the impossible in our own strength? How does this hurt us? Our church? How does this thwart the spread of the gospel message?
4. At the same time the victory of the finished wall was being celebrated, there were nobles showing greater loyalty to Tobiah than to Nehemiah. They were promoting Tobiah and seemingly betraying Nehemiah. What could this have done to Nehemiah's mind? How would this make you feel? What should we do / not do in such situations? What does it appear Nehemiah did?
5. Before Nehemiah appointed leaders over Jerusalem, he made sure the singers were in place. For the people of God, worship and praise should be central, both corporately and individually. Why might we downplay this in our lives? Why is praising God (in song and in many other ways) important? How can we live with a heart of praise?
6. According to Nehemiah, what were the most important qualities of a leader? What qualities or accomplishments matter less? Why do people sometimes think these lesser qualities/ accomplishments matter more?